## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

YVELISSE A. GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ

CASE NUMBER: -MJOH- M- 224 JLA

(Name and Address of Defendants)

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn s knowledge and belief. On or about $~{\underline{May}}~21,~2004$ , and alsowhere defendant did,	Lake the following is true and correct to the best of my in Suffolk County, in the District of Massachusetts
knowingly and intentionally and unl from a place outside thereof, heroi	lawfully import into the United States, in, a Class I controlled substance,
in violation of Title21 United States Co.	de, Section(s) <u>952 (a)</u> .
f further state that flam a <u>Special Agent witl</u> <u>Enforcement</u> and that this complaint is based on th	h the Bureau of Immigration and Customs
See Attached Affidavit of	f Special Agent Eric LaForte
Continued on the attached sheet and made a part horeof:	X Yes No  No  Signature of Complainant Eric LaForte Special Agent, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,	
May 21, 2004 Date	Boston, Massachusetts City and State
JOYCE LONDON ALEXANDER UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE	Degre 1000
Name and Chilo of Judicial Officer	Signature of Judicial Officer

## AFFIDAVIT OF ERIC LAFORTE

- I, ERIC LAFORTE, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:
- 1. I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"). I have been employed as a Special Agent for ICE since March 2003. I am currently assigned to ICE's Drug Smuggling Group located in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2. I have participated in drug related arrests and interviewed witnesses and defendants. I have received specialized training sponsored by ICE regarding narcotics identification, narcotics investigations, and narcotics. I am familiar with the appearance of narcotics sold on the street, including heroin, and the manner in which such narcotics are packaged and sold.
- 3. This Affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint charging YVELISSE A. GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ ("RODRIGUEZ") with importation of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 952(a). This affidavit does not set forth all the facts developed during the course of this investigation. Rather, it sets forth only those facts that are necessary and sufficient to establish probable cause to believe that RODRIGUEZ has committed the crime set forth in the accompanying Criminal Complaint.

- On Friday, May 21, 2004, at approximately 1:30 a.m., 4. RODRIGUEZ arrived at Logan International Airport in Boston, Massachusetts, on Air Jamaica flight number 0049 from Montego Bay, Jamaica. Investigation by U.S. Customs officials revealed that RODRIGUEZ was traveling from Curacao via Jamaica on a recently issued ticket, that she had departed Boston for Curação via Jamaica on May 15, 2004, that she had purchased the ticket three days prior to departure with cash, and was traveling on a passport issued just three days prior to departure, May 12, 2004. Both Jamaica and Curacao are source countries for narcotics. RODRIGUEZ was questioned by U.S. Customs officials before leaving the U.S. Customs territory at Terminal E of Logan Airport. When questioned by U.S. Customs officials, RODRIGUEZ was evasive and inconsistent in her answers regarding basic information and her itinerary. U.S. Customs officials also observed that she was acting in a nervous manner, chewing her pen, tapping her feet and avoiding eye contact. At approximately 3:57, based on the foregoing, Customs officials requested that RODRIGUEZ consent to an X-Ray of her person. RODRIGUEZ consented to an X-Ray and signed a written consent form, written in spanish.
- 5. At approximately 5:48 a.m. on May 21, 2004, RODRIGUEZ was transported to Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett,

  Massachusetts, where at approximately 5:55 a.m., medical personnel conducted X-Rays of the stomach area of RODRIGUEZ. The

X-Rays showed numerous pellets inside the stomach of RODRIGUEZ.

RODRIGUEZ subsequently admitted to officials that she had

swallowed pellets of heroin in Curacao to smuggle into the United

States. RODRIGUEZ said that she thought she had swallowed

approximately 60 pellets. RODRIGUEZ said that she had smuggled

narcotics before.

- 6. At approximately 7:03 a.m., RODRIGUEZ passed seventeen pellets. At approximately 7:27 a.m., the substance inside one of the pellets field tested positive for heroin. RODRIGUEZ was thereafter placed under arrest.
- 7. Based on the information contained in this affidavit, all of which is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, I believe that there is probable cause to believe that RODRIGUEZ did import, heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 952(a).

ERIC LAFORTE

Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December 2004.

JOYGE AONDON ALEXANDER / Unived States Magistrate Judge

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